

## UNITED ASSISTANCE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(U) Executive Summary: *There have been two significant reports in the last 24 hours: two demonstrations took place at the same plantation in Bong County, Liberia, involving limited gunshots and property damage, but no reported injuries or deaths. Peaceful demonstrations related to various issues including EVD response continue to be reported and are not out of the ordinary for Liberia. The demonstrations are unlikely to result in violence against U.S. persons directly, as reporting suggests the actions are aimed toward local businesses and the government. The overall security situation in Liberia will likely remain stable in the near term.*

**(U) Liberia**

**(U) HCW Strike Called Off:** On 13 October, *NBC News* reported that many healthcare workers (HCWs) on the front lines of the battle against Ebola in Liberia decided not to strike. The strike over poor pay and working conditions was supposed to begin at midnight on 12 October. *Strikes, or threats of strikes, are likely to continue until the government address HCW concerns. If HCWs do strike, this will seriously hamper the fight against Ebola.*

**(U) Nimba County Watching New Guinean Outbreak:** The Nimba County Ebola Task Force is monitoring a new EVD outbreak just over the border from Borolewee, Liberia in Yalanzu, Guinea. Suspected EVD cases from Sanniquelle, also called “Mango Island,” have been admitted to the Ganta ETU. Road conditions in and around Tapitta are limiting access to the town. County officials are requesting additional support to help manage the ETU and isolation centers. *Nimba County has the fourth highest number of EVD cases in Liberia. Lack of HCWs available to run existing facilities and a new possible outbreak nearby will further strain EVD containment efforts.*

**(U) Maryland County Emergency Response Unit Receives Training:** Maryland County has a 15-officer unit for emergency response. The unit is comprised of LNP from outside Maryland County assigned there for one year. The officers receive training from DynCorp under a contract mentor program in marksmanship, weapons maintenance, and team-level response techniques. The officers are armed with M-4 rifles and 9mm pistols. The officers respond to all demonstrations in Maryland County and provide security for health officials responding to EVD reports. The response team has received no EVD-specific training. *LNP officers are often limited in their ability to respond to events effectively and efficiently. The DynCorp training program may provide limited improvement to security, although such a small team will have difficulty responding quickly across the entire county.*

**(U) JOA**

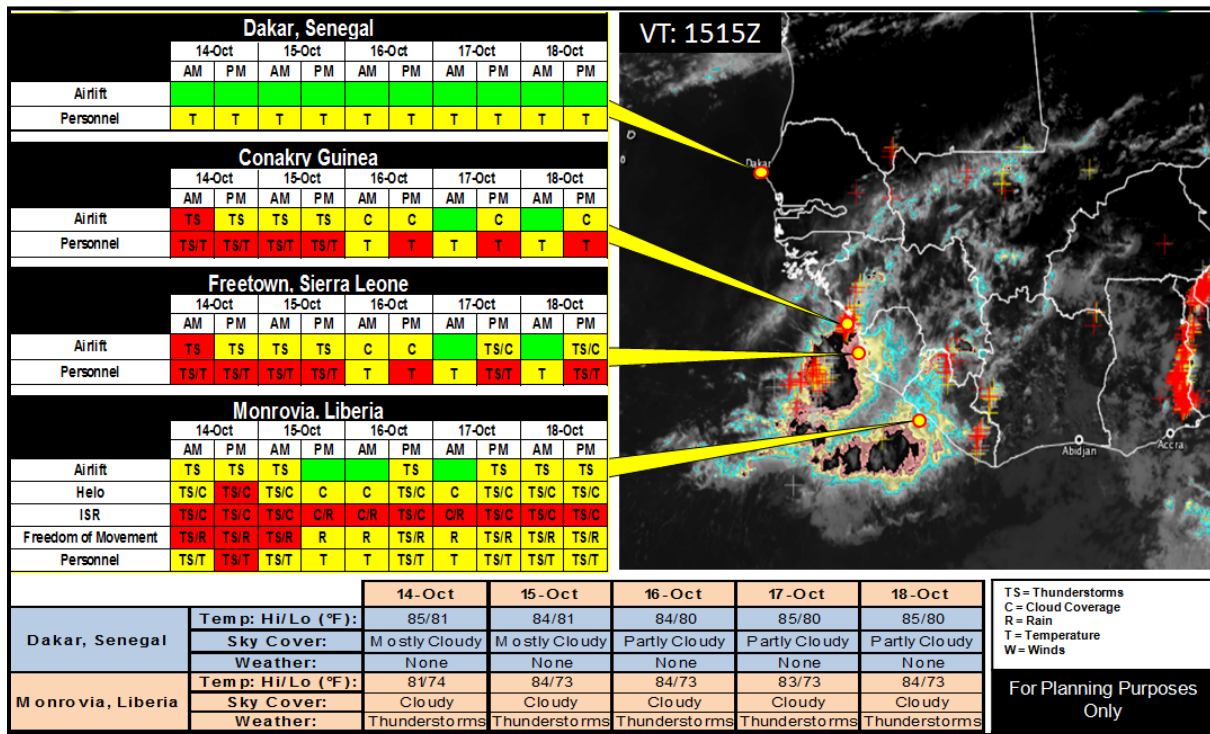
**(U) Ongoing Food Security Concerns in West Africa:** On 13 October, the UN stated up to 40% of farms have been abandoned in the worst Ebola-hit areas of Sierra Leone. Kanayo Nwanze, president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, stated there are food shortages in Senegal and other countries in West Africa because regional trade has been disrupted. Nwanze believes assisting farmers in areas not affected by Ebola to produce more food would help reduce shortages. *Food security continues to be a concern as the epidemic continues and normal regional trade is severely restricted.*

(U) Worldwide

(U) **Checks for Ebola at International Airports:** As of 13 October, European airports have not begun screening arrivals from affected countries in West Africa, despite the U.S. government declaring five U.S. airports will soon begin to do so. Airport officials in Brussels said they have emergency measures ready to put in place if someone develops Ebola symptoms in flight or upon arrival. Screening is expected to start at some British airports today. Monrovia's international airport stepped up screening procedures in August in response to Ebola's spread.

(U) **South African Government Pledges to Help Ebola Outbreak:** On 13 October, the South African government pledged \$2.9 million to help with the Ebola epidemic, according to the WHO. *The level and publicity of South Africa's pledge could inspire other African countries to contribute more to the international effort.*

(U) Weather



(U) Isolated rain and thunderstorms will continue across the central and southern portions of the JOA through the majority of the forecast. *The strongest storms are expected today through the morning of 15 October. The storms will continue bring heavy rains, which will delay airlift and severely degrade unpaved roads, making them impassable.*

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(U) Through the central and southern JOA, both mornings of 16 and 17 October will be free of thunderstorms; however, cloud cover, temperatures and rain showers will continue to produce marginal conditions while airlift remains mostly favorable.

(U) Dakar will experience favorable conditions to operations aside from the heat index affecting personnel throughout the forecast.

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